

**MINUTES OF THE CLARE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Jim 8/16/17
**Unapproved Minutes
July 19, 2017**

Harrison, Michigan 48625

Meeting was called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Commissioners: District 1: Dale Majewski, District 2: Samantha Pitchford, District 3: Leonard Strouse, District 4: Jack Kleinhardt, District 5: Sandra Bristol, District 6: Karen Lipovsky, District 7: Jim Gelios

Absent: None

Others Present, Signing In: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Lipovsky made the following additions to the agenda: The Board to vote on who the Board will send as their delegate to MERS conference, a budget adjustment number was left off, and it should be #17-150 for \$257,865.00, and add closed session for union negotiations to the end of the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Gelios, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clerk/Register of Deeds Lori Martin made a correction to the minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Pitchford, to approve the Minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Strouse, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Karl and Jane Domke spoke about riding an ATV on the highway and asked the Board for a variance. Commissioner Kleinhardt sympathized with the request, but referred Mr. and Mrs. Domke to MDOT or the State Representative.

Bill Strouse, Sheridan Township Supervisor was present and brought to the Board's attention a business on Colonville Road that has a parking lot that butts up to the road right of way and the danger that poses to the public.

Teagen Lafere, Financial Home Ownership Group of MSU presented to the Board of Commissioners information regarding Step Forward Michigan. She and her staff sent out 15 information packets for people that need help with their delinquent property taxes the week Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger sent out delinquent tax notices. She also offers home buyer education, post purchase, which would be foreclosure prevention, financial capabilities, and rental education.

Marty Johnson with Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation is selling raffle tickets to raise funds to purchase a handicap mat that will allow disabled or elderly persons to be able to get down the beach.

Mr. Johnson also spoke about Clare County Historical Society and invited everyone to the school house and show room open every Saturday.

COMMUNICATIONS LIST

1. EPA-EPA Seeks comments on draft underground injection permit
Commissioner Gelios asked for a copy of this letter.
2. Lakeshore Legal Aid-Region VII AAA funding proposal. No discussion.
3. Maner Costerisan - Annual accounting for period ending 12/31/2016 and 2015 for Clare County 911 service district. No discussion.



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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Tracy Byard attended the quarterly breakfast for MMDC (Middle Michigan Development Corporation), and reminded the Board about the 2017 Legislative Day will be July 20, 2017 at MMCC, and attended the Child Welfare Council meeting and offered an update. Administrator Byard is still working on the Budget.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

John Obermesik, Executive Director of CMHCM – Mr. Obermesik was not present therefore there was no presentation.

Lisa Kaspriak, Administrator for the Medical Examiner's Office, Dr. Paul Wagner, was present to discuss cremation permits. Dr. Wagner is trying to make the counties he works for more uniform. Only about half of the counties charge for a cremation permit. They are asking for the county to charge a \$50.00 cremation permit fee for each cremation request. That would bring in an estimated \$8,400.00 per year to the County for the Medical Examiner Budget. There would then be a line item with 25% written back to the County to pay for overhead to the County.

Moved by Commissioner Gelios and Seconded by Commissioner Strouse to charge \$50.00 per cremation request as per the Medical Examiner's request. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Commissioner Kleinhardt asked for a percentage of cremations in Clare County. Ms. Kaspriak responded 63%. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Lori Ware was at a conference and no report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONSENT CALENDAR

Justice Committee

Child Care Fund Appropriation

Moved by Commissioner Gelios and Seconded by Commissioner Kleinhardt to approve an additional \$50,000.00 appropriation for the Child Care Fund (Probate) for this FY 2017. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion and stated this must be done, it happens every year, and there is no way around it. Commissioner Kleinhardt asked where these funds come from and Chairperson Lipovsky indicated it would come from the fund balance. Motion carried.

Health and Human Services Committee

Appointments for Veterans Affairs

Moved by Commissioner Strouse and Seconded by Commissioner Majewski to appoint John C. Roulo to a term on the Veterans Affairs Board with the term expiring July 31, 2020. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

2018 Annual Implementation Plan Region VII AAA

Moved by Commissioner Kleinhardt and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to Approve the Region VII Area Agency on Aging 2018 Annual Implementation Plan. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Pitchford and Seconded by Commissioner Strouse to appoint Tracy Byard to the representative for the employer to the MERS Conference and Clerk/Register of Deeds Lori Martin as the alternate. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

Physical Resources and Economic Development Committee - None

Finance and Administration Committee

Statutory Finance Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve Statutory Finance Committee meeting minutes of June 20, 2017 in the amount of \$76,521.23 and July 3, 2017 in the amount of \$211,273.10. Motion carried.

Monthly Expenditures

Moved by Commissioner Majewski and seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to approve the expenditures for the month of June 2017 in the amount of \$1,737,596.58 with the General Fund expenditures totaling \$933,588.67. Motion carried.

Budget Adjustments

Moved by Commissioner Bristol and Seconded by Commissioner Majewski to approve Budget Adjustment #17-138, #17-139, 17-140, 17-142, 17-144, 17-145, 17-148, 17-149, 17-150 & 17-152 in the amount of \$2,054.00, \$10,845.12 \$1,000.00, \$14,807.95, \$500.00, \$2,675.00, \$27,380.00, \$11,700.00, \$257,865.00 & \$14,200.00 to be distributed. Motion carried.

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Finance and Administration Committee – continued

Health Insurance Administrator Discussion

Administrator Byard put out RFP's for Health Insurance and received 2 bids back and the Finance Committee has decided to stay with 44North.

Recess: 10:16 a.m.

Back in session: 10:30 a.m

Financial Software Discussion

Administrator Byard talked about the differences between the County's current software system, Harris, and the system she would like to discuss, BS&A, and how much easier the new BS&A software would be to unify the different offices. Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger spoke about BS&A, which is already in use in her office, and how it would help her office and the payroll department save time and reduce risk of error.

Commissioner Bristol asked where funds for this would come from. Administrator Byard explained the funds currently being paid for the current system along with funds from the 518 fund (tax reversion fund) would cover the costs.

Moved by Commissioner Majewski and Seconded by Commissioner Bristol to purchase BS&A program and to be paid out of the 518 fund (tax reversion fund) and existing funds allocated for the Harris System. Chairperson Lipovsky pointed out discussion already took place. Motion carried.

Land Bank Authority

Moved by Commissioner Gelios and Seconded by Commissioner Pitchford to approve updated Land Bank Authority Members and terms, Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger, County Treasurer for a term of three years to expire Sept 30, 2018, Dale Majewski, County Commissioner for term of three years to expire Sept 30, 2019, then for a term of three years, Jack Kleinhardt, County Commissioner for term of three years to expire Sept 30, 2019, Michelle Bott, Clare City Deputy Treasurer for term of three years to expire Sept 30, 2018, Tracy Beadle, City of Harrison Manager & Clerk for term of three years to expire September 30, 2017, Linda Peterson, Winterfield Township Treasurer for term of three years to expire September 30, 2017, Maye Tessner-Rood, Hayes Township Treasurer for term of three years to expire Sept 30, 2018. Chairperson Lipovsky asked for discussion. Hearing none motion carried.

CLERK/REGISTER OF DEED'S REPORT

Clerk/Register of Deeds Lori Martin gave an update on the new voting equipment delivery, which is expected in August 2017. Clerk/Register Martin also discussed a bill in the house to change candidate filing fees. Everything in her office is going very well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger reported the land sale date will be Monday, August 21, 2017 at noon at the Doherty Hotel in Clare. There are 84 properties along with adding some of the land bank properties. A property the County has held for a long while has sold. Michigan Tax Tribunal is underway.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Chairperson Lipovsky attended her meetings.

VICE CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Vice Chairperson Kleinhardt attended his meetings.

COMMISSIONER REPORT

Commissioner Gelios has been attending his meetings. Hayes Township is looking at enforcement of their ordinances, and is going to do a public survey to find out if the citizens want a law enforcement millage.

Commissioner Strouse has been attending his meetings. Grant Township is trying to restrict truck use on their roads. Sheridan Township does not have zoning and there are issues with a store and the parking area being in the road right of way. Commissioner Strouse read a letter he emailed to Clare County Road Commission (copy attached to minutes).

Commissioner Majewski has been attending his meetings. Reminder Waste Management household hazardous waste disposal will be at Northern Oaks from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Commissioner Majewski read a letter he received from a 4-H member regarding the horse program.

Commissioner Bristol has been attending her meetings. She talked about Friends of Parks and Recreation. Franklin Township had questions about better cell service. Hamilton Township will be a disaster relief. Arthur Township has no issues. Sheridan Township is dealing with the business parking in road right of way. Commissioner Bristol also attended the Child Advocacy open house.

Commissioner Pitchford has been attending her meetings.



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PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Ashley from Recovery Court gave an update on case management, grant funding, and support coaches for the program. Ms. Ashley also was there representing Michigan State Health Network and asked Board Members to go back to their township/cities and ask them to wait before approving marijuana initiatives. Townships and cities are being asked to allow marijuana initiatives into their jurisdictions as a grower, processor, secure transporter, provisioning center, and a safety compliance facility without rules and regulations. Once one of these are allowed without rules and regulations outlined, then they are stuck with it. These rules and regulations are expected to be coming in late 2017 or early 2018. She asked again, please just wait.

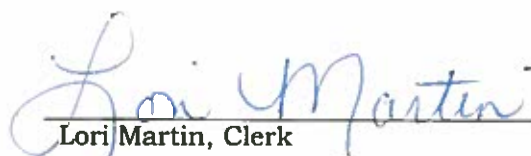
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Moved by Commissioner Majewski and Seconded by Commissioner Kleinhardt to go into closed session for union negotiations at 11:31 a.m. and adjourn regular meeting. Motion carried.



Lori Martin, Clerk
Clare County Board of Commissioners



Karen Lipovsky, Chairperson
Clare County Board of Commissioners

Tracy Byard

From: Jack Kleinhardt <jackkleinhardt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Tracy Byard
Subject: Fwd: DANGEROUS PARKING ON COLONVILLE RD.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Deepak Gupta <gupta48603@gmail.com>
Date: July 18, 2017 at 12:16:01 PM EDT
To: Mike Duggan <mduggan03@hotmail.com>, tntwellsvcs@gmail.com, Dick Haynak <jean_haynak@yahoo.com>, Jack Kleinhardt Main <jackkleinhardt@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: DANGEROUS PARKING ON COLONVILLE RD.

To all:
For your info
Deepak

Begin forwarded message:

From: leonard strouse <lenray777@gmail.com>
Date: July 18, 2017 at 11:50:00 AM EDT
To: gupta <gupta48603@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: DANGEROUS PARKING ON COLONVILLE RD.

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From: leonard strouse <lenray777@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 12:43 PM
Subject: DANGEROUS PARKING ON COLONVILLE RD.
To: Deepak Gupta <ccrc@clarecra.com>

Deepak Gupta

Hello Sir

Leonard R. Strouse here, Clare County Commissioner from Dist. 3

I am writing concerning the VERY dangerous parking situation at the Colonville Store. I personally have been in a number of close calls where people pull out without looking. Many citizens have complained and FB has had many stories of the bad situation there.

I always have a tractor or two for sale at my property, but I make sure they are off the right of way.

The amish seem to get a pass on safety under their belief system.

Enough verified complaints have been recorded--that when the bad incident finally happens, law suits will come forward.

I have been a big supporter of your excellent work here in Clare County, but fully expect that the law will be the same for every citizen.

I will be taking my concerns to the full Clare County Board on Wed. July 19th. 2017.....

No PARKING on the right of way is the only answer. I live a half mile from this bad situation-so I see the problem everyday....

Thank you for your time.

leonard R. Strouse 989-621-0483